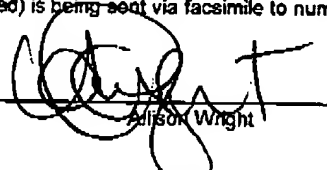


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**PATENT**

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Serial No.: **09/408,091**  
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Title: **Improved Component  
Mixing Catheter**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 19, 2001, Applicants respond as follows:

**Restriction Requirement**

Applicants respectfully submit that examination of all pending claims is not unduly burdensome and can be easily performed given the relationship of the subject matter of these claims. In an effort to advance prosecution of the present invention, applicants elect to prosecute, with traverse, claims 1-7, 9-11, 14-16, and 18-19 drawn to an improved mixing catheter.

**Election of Species**

Applicants respectfully submit claim 1 presents a generic claim as required, and that examination of all pending claims is not unduly burdensome and can be easily performed given the relationship of the subject matter of these claims. In the interest of advancing prosecution of the present invention, applicant, with traverse, elects Species 2, as illustrated in Figures 4, 5, 6, 13, 14, and 15, for prosecution on the merits.


Applicant further identifies claims 1-7, 9-11, 14-16, and 18-19 as being readable on Species 2.

If the Examiner feels for any reason that direct contact with Applicant's attorney will advance the prosecution of this case to finality, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Brian F. Swinton, Esq. at the number given below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2230. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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